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Re: U.S. Continuation Utility Patent Application
 Appl. No. 09/741,664; Filed: December 21, 2000
 For: **Stable Compositions for Nucleic Acid Amplification and Sequencing**
 Inventors: Rashtchian *et al.*
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Sir:

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Respectfully submitted,

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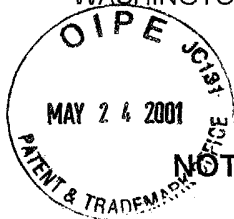
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